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The United States is at war in the Middle East. You know this unless you've been bound and gagged in someone's basement for the last two weeks. This is a history making event for the obvious reasons and because despite spending 6 hours in the central branch of Baltimore's library, I couldn't find information that the US was ever directly participating in a full-fledged war in the Middle East.

As for the politics of this war, I'm one of those that believes that we entered into this too quickly. I felt that more time was needed for the sanctions to do their job. I believed that sanctions would force Iraq to make the first move. If Iraq attacked the forces in Saudi Arabia there would be no questions asked, and this would be a war of self defence with the added bonus of bringing Iraq's units out of their defenses. But so much for that. As it turns out the President, who I hope is better informed than I, found it necessary to attack, and being an avid Non-Republican, I find myself in the curious position of supporting George Bush. I will never forgive Saddam for that.

I'd say the worst thing about this war, to date, is Saddam's war on the environment, it's this that disturbs me the most. The oil released by Iraq into the the nearly closed system of the Persian Gulf will probably destroy it's ecology, but the people who most will feel it's effect will all be Arabs. Arabs who take their livelihood & water from the Gulf will not be very fond of Saddam Hussain.

For the past two weeks everyone has been talking in military jargon; I don't mean us wargammers that do that all the time anyway, I mean little old ladies in the supermarket talking about *Patriots, Tomahawks, F-4's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 18's, 111's, 117's, A4's, A6's, and B52's*. Then they talk about the Iraqi arsenal. Soon they will be adding to their vocabularies items like *Abrams, Chaparral, Duce-and-a-half, Apache, Warthog, and Harrier*. If this war does anything, it will boost the sales of books about military hardware, maps of the Gulf region, games on modern warfare, computer combat flight simulators, and everything at Sunny's Surplus.

Condolences

On or about January 5th William Haden Haworth III was killed in a plane crash. The funeral was held on January 9th according to Jim Burgess publisher of *The Book Report*. Haden was survived by his father William Haden Haworth II. The only available address for Haden is his law office at P.O. Box 2368, Muskogee, OK 74402.

Haden was playing in the Trib's *Donna* game.

I wish to extend the sympathies of myself and the readers of the Diplomacy Tribune.

Game Openings

A Player is needed in *Donna*, a Gunboat game with press, to take the place of Haden Haworth. The game, which was due to start this issue, will hold until a player can be found.

4 players are needed for *Ed*, a regular Diplomacy game. Players cannot be currently playing in any Trib game except *Donna*.

New Postage Rates

Letters (First Class)

Up to 1 oz - .29, .23 each additional ounce

Post Cards - .19

Letter Rate to Canada (up to 1 oz) - .40

Mexico (up to 1/2 oz) - .35

(up to 1 oz) - .45

International Airmail (up to 1/2 oz) - .50

Deadline

all games

February 28th

Postage

Well they've done it. The Post office has raised the postage rate to, of all things, 29 cents. They were trying for 30 cents but that idea failed, so they settled for 29. This, besides costing us more, makes buying stamps a pain-in-the-ass. The reason this bothers me so is not the money. I realize it cost more to operate now than it did a year or two ago.

My gripe with the Post Awful is personal. There are three High Point roads around Baltimore. One is in a suburb called Parkville, one is Highpoint Avenue in Pasadena, and I live on High Point Road, also in Pasadena. The problem is with my street and the one in Parkville. Because of Zip-Coding, both have Baltimore city zip codes. When a letter is sent to one or the other, some laboratory animal at the post office looks at the address, and sends it to the first Baltimore High Point Road it comes to, Parkville. No one bothers with zip codes. So, the letter goes to Parkville and the Postman there takes it to Highpoint Road only to find there is no house numbered 8047. He then takes back, stamps it RETURN TO SENDER - NO SUCH ADDRESS and off it goes. Still, no one has noticed the zip code. I have learned that the post office system spells the Highpoint in Parkville as one word while it spells my street as two words, (High Point). This is part of the problem, but every now and then a two word spelled letter slips through and is returned. Then I tried an experiment. Over six days I mailed six postcards with the same mailing and return addresses to myself from work in Annapolis. One came back RETURN TO SENDER - NO SUCH ADDRESS. It couldn't be delivered to that address, but it could be returned to it! I wrote a letter to the Baltimore Postal Commissioner, sending the postcard with it. It's been over six months, I've heard nothing, and the problem persists. The post office are aware of this problem and have been for some time before I moved to this address. I can only assume they are deliberately interfering with delivery of my mail. That's why I'm against a rate increase of any type.

Hobbies? Well, besides *Diplomacy*, I'm also into other types of wargames. My interest is primarily with *Squad Leader* right now (not *Advanced Squad Leader* - I'm not sure I want to spend the money.) I also just got involved with *BattleTech*.

I'm a musician (drums) and occasionally there's a jam session in someone's basement that I get into. (With two young children, a new-born and another under two, I don't get out much.)

I also have been thinking about modelling. I've got one of those giant B-29's that I received for Christmas about eight years ago that I'm seriously thinking about building.

That's about it. Work (I'm an attorney), and my family eat up most of my time - I also own a house - which is a time consuming proposition! -- Terry Lachick

Letters from the Readers

...My first three years in the hobby I played to win, my ego on the line with each move. Slowly I learned of some players and learned some moves and strategies (My F-T-F total experience was 6 games with my family!) Slowly my reason for being has shifted focus into relationships, ebb and flow of force, and the enjoyment of that which can't be known. The interplay of beliefs and hopes to present a simulation of reality which keep us each playing is as fun as the process of playing itself [remember where this guy's from folks] I'm still paranoid. My wife still thinks this game encourages deceit, manipulation, sociopathic behavior, and delusions of others trying to get me, but what-the-hell, it's a great game!... -- Richard Weiss

The Home Front

Long ago and far away I got a telescope for Christmas. Living in Baltimore city didn't offer the best sky for observing celestial objects but for three months I was out every night gazing at the Great Nebula in Orion and whatever else I could find. One night while looking out my second story bedroom window, I noticed a rather bright star I hadn't looked at yet and when I trained my scope on it found to my surprise that it was Saturn. I was so excited at this my first sight of those famous rings that while jumping up to get someone I bumped the telescope which fell to the concrete yard below. I was heartbroken. The feeling of seeing Saturn that night has kept me interested in astronomy and I dreamt of one day owning a "real" telescope. Working on sailing vessels through my late teens and twenties didn't offer money for such items or the place to keep such a thing. Now, with my own home, and a less chaotic lifestyle I have finally seen an old dream come true - I own a "real" telescope. It's from a company named **Coultier Optical** in California whose ads can be found in periodicals such as *Astronomy* and *Sky & Telescope*. They produce a line of 4 **Newtonian** telescopes called *Odysseys* that range in size from 8 inch diameter to 17 inch diameter. I have the *Odyssey Compact* which has a 10.1 inch primary mirror. Basically it's a tube 13 inches in diameter and 4 feet long. A **Newtonian** telescope (named for its inventor - Sir Issac Newton) is essentially a bucket that catches light from an object - like a star - focuses it into an eyepiece which magnifies the image into your eye. It's a very simple and effective telescope design and great for viewing "deep-sky" objects like galaxies and nebula. It can also be used to view planets and the moon - yes, even Saturn.

Spring 1907 Moves

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN DISORDER - AGAIN!

Moves

England (Lachik): A Lvp-Iri, A Wal-Gas, F Ech-C A Wal-Gas, F Bel-Pic,
F Mao-C A Wal-Gas R> Spa, Nao, Gas, or disband?
Germany (Armstrong): A Mun-Hold, A Kie-S A Mun, A Ber-S A Mun,
A Bur-Par, F Liv-S [R] A Pru-Hold
Russia (Green): A Stp-Mos, A Pru-War
Austria (Diehl): A War-S A Sev-Mos, A Ukr-S A Sev-Mos, A Sev-Mos,
A Sil-S A War, A Gal-S A Sil, A Vie-S A Boh,
A Tyl-S A Boh, A Boh-S A Sil
Italy (Kille): NMR - All units hold
France (Sweeney): F Bre-Mao, F Por-S F Bre, A Par-Bre

Board Status

England: A Wal, F Ech, F Pic, F Iri, F **NAF**
Germany: A Par, A Mun, A Ber, A Kie, F Liv
Russia: A Pru, A Stp
Austria: A Boh, A Sil, A War, A Tyl, A Vie, A Gal, A Mos, A Ukr
Italy: A Arm, A Con, A Tri, A Ven, A Rom, F Mar, F Gol, F Wme,
F Nap, F Gre
France: A Bre, F Por, F Mao

Press

- Ber-Vie: STOP THE MADNESS! STOP THE MADNESS!
- Lon: Italy seems to have no enemies. Everyone wants to be his friend. Meanwhile he's grabbing centers anywhere and everywhere he can. Come on, Wake Up! Rome has been the real threat all along.
- Lon-Ber: Your overture to Vienna is interesting. Please let me know if you get a positive response. (PS, thanks for the welcome. Perhaps this turn you'll let me stay.)

The concession to Italy proposed last issue has failed,
with No votes received either way.

Due Next: Fall 1907 Moves

--> STAND-BY FOR ITALY NEEDED! <--

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RUSSIANS LAND IN ENGLAND!
FRENCH BUILD MAGINOT LINE THROUGH GERMANY!

Moves

England (Sweeney): F Edi-Hold
 Germany (Diehl): F Den-Hold, F Lon-S [R] A Nwy-Yor
 Russia (Renner): A Nwy-Yor, F Nth-C A Nwy-Yor, A Mos-S A Liv,
 A Liv-S A Mos
 Turkey (Schultz): A Smy-Hold, A Ukr-S A War, A War-S A Ukr, F Nap-Tys,
 F Aeg-Gre, F Con-Aeg, F Ion-S Nap-Tys, F Sev-Hold
 Austria (Wiess): A Pie-Tus, A Tyl-Pie, A Mun-Kie, A Sil-Mun,
 A Vie-Boh, A Tri-Ven, A Ber-S A Mun-Kie, F Ven-Apu
 Italy (Kirk): A Rom-Hold, F Tys-S A Rom
 F Tys-R->Gol, Wme, Tun, or Disband?
 France (Ried): A Mar-Pie, A Bre-Gas, A Par-Bur, A Bel-S A Par-Bur,
 A Hol-S A Kie, A Ruh-S A Kie, A Kie-S A Den,
 F Lvp-Wal, F Mao-Ech

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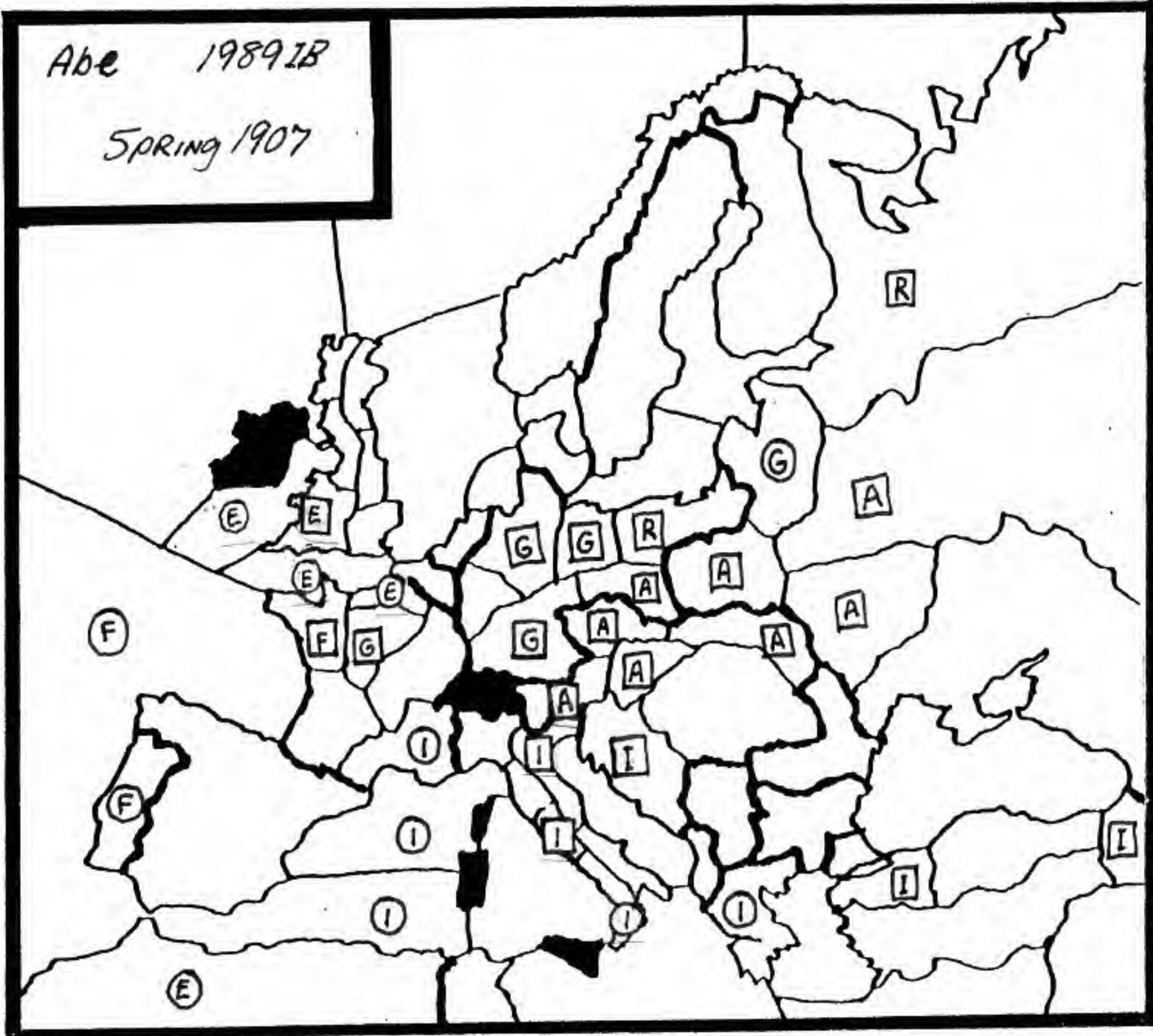
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 Germany: F Den, F Lon
 Russia: A Yor, A Mos, A Liv, F Nth
 Turkey: A Smy, A War, A Ukr, F Sev, F Aeg, F Gre, F Ion, F Tys
 Austria: A Ven, A Tus, A Tyr, A Boh, A Mun, A Ber, A Sil, F Apu
 Italy: A Rom, F ???
 France: A Mar, A Gas, A Bur, A Ruh, A Kie, A Bel, A Hol, F Ech, F Wal

Press

■Turkey-All: Keep your fingers crossed for the grunts in Saudi. It's gonna get real nasty.

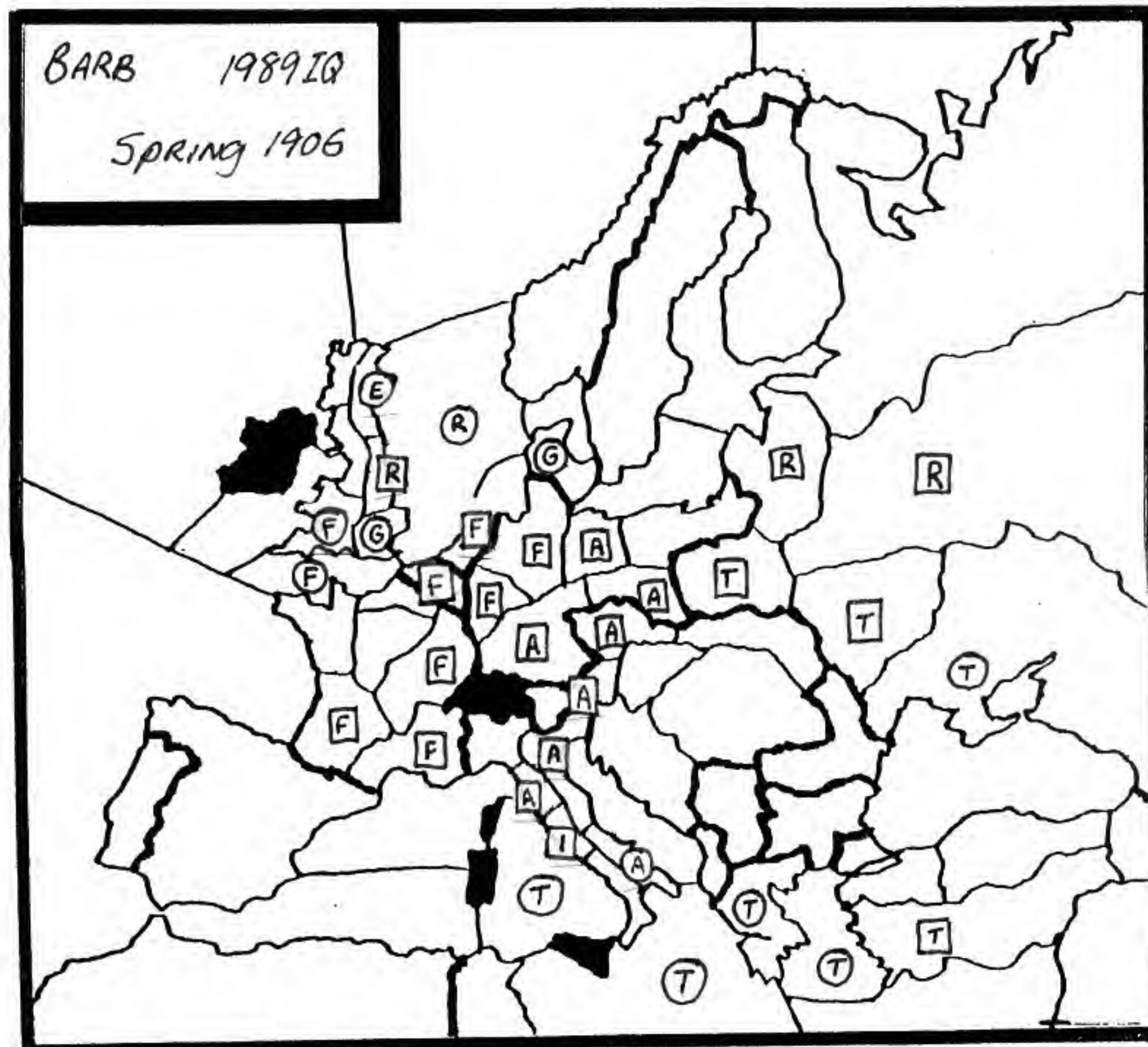
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A/R/T CONTINUE ADVANCE

 Moves

England (VanDok): F Lvp-Hold
 Germany (Burgess): A Edi-Den, A Ruh-Kie, A Sil-Ber, F Den-Ska,
 F Nth-C A Edi-Den, F Bal-S A Edi-Den
 Russia (Renner): F Con-Aeg, A Ukr-S [A] A Bud-Gal, A Liv-Pru,
 A War-S A Liv-Pru, F Stp(nc)-Nwy, F Nwy-Nth,
 F Swe-S A Fin, A Fin-S F Swe
 Turkey (Armstrong): A Gre-Tun, A Smy-Con, F Tun-Naf, F Tys-Wme,
 F Ion-C A Gre-Tun
 Austria (Johnson): A Boh-Sil, A Vie-Gal, A Tyl-S A Mun,
 A Pie-S F Rom-Tus, A Ven-S A Pie,
 A Mun-S A Boh-Sil, F Rom-Tus
 France (Kirk): F Mar-Gol, F Gol-Wme, F Ech-Mao, A Bur-Mar,
 A Spa-Mar, A Lon-Hold

 Board Status

England: F Lvp
 Germany: A Den, A Kie, A Ber, F Ska, F Nth, F Bal
 Russia: A Ukr, A Pru, A War, A Fin, F Swe, F Aeg, F Stp(nc), F Nwy
 Turkey: A Tun, A Con, F Naf, F Tys, F Ion
 Austria: A Pie, A Ven, A Mun, A Gal, A Tyl, A Sil, A Bud, F Tus
 France: A Bur, A Spa, A Lon, F Mar, F Gol, F Mao

There is a new proposal to concede the game to the
 Austria/Russia/Turkey alliance, which currently controls 21 centers
 between them. Please vote with your Fall Orders.

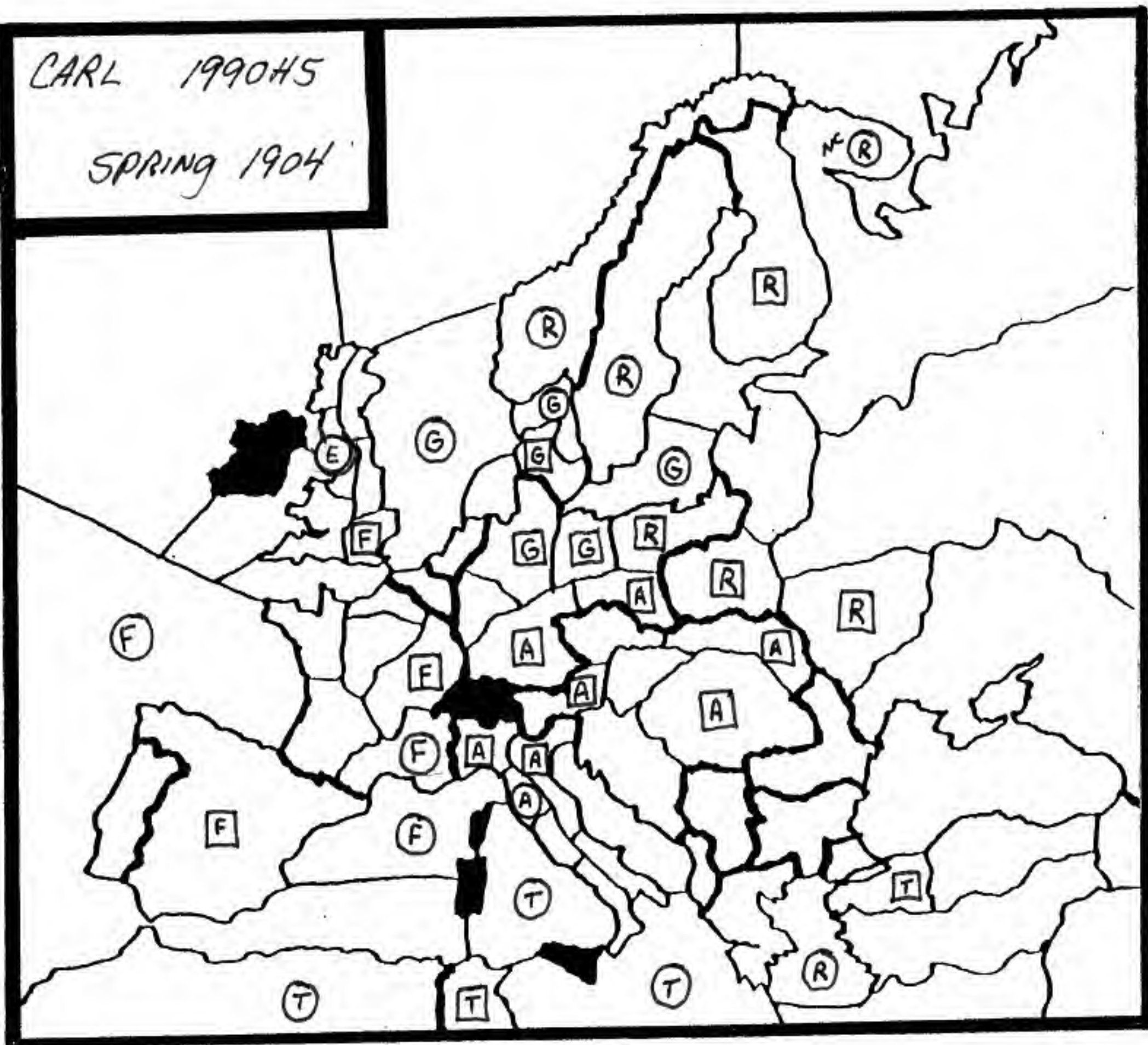
 Press

- **An A/R/Tist to Germany/France:** Maybe you guys just don't understand. This is the situation: You have lost! Spare yourself a punishing endgame.
 - **To Russia with Love:** You better watch your flanks. I hear snipers in the trees.
 - **Frog-Sultan:** Russian forces occupy Constantinople! The Tsar has also stabbed Germany, with whom he WAS on friendly terms. Surely you must see through the Tsar's veil of deceit before he brings you to your knees.
 - **To whom it may concern:** I think we should all gng up on England'!!!!!!
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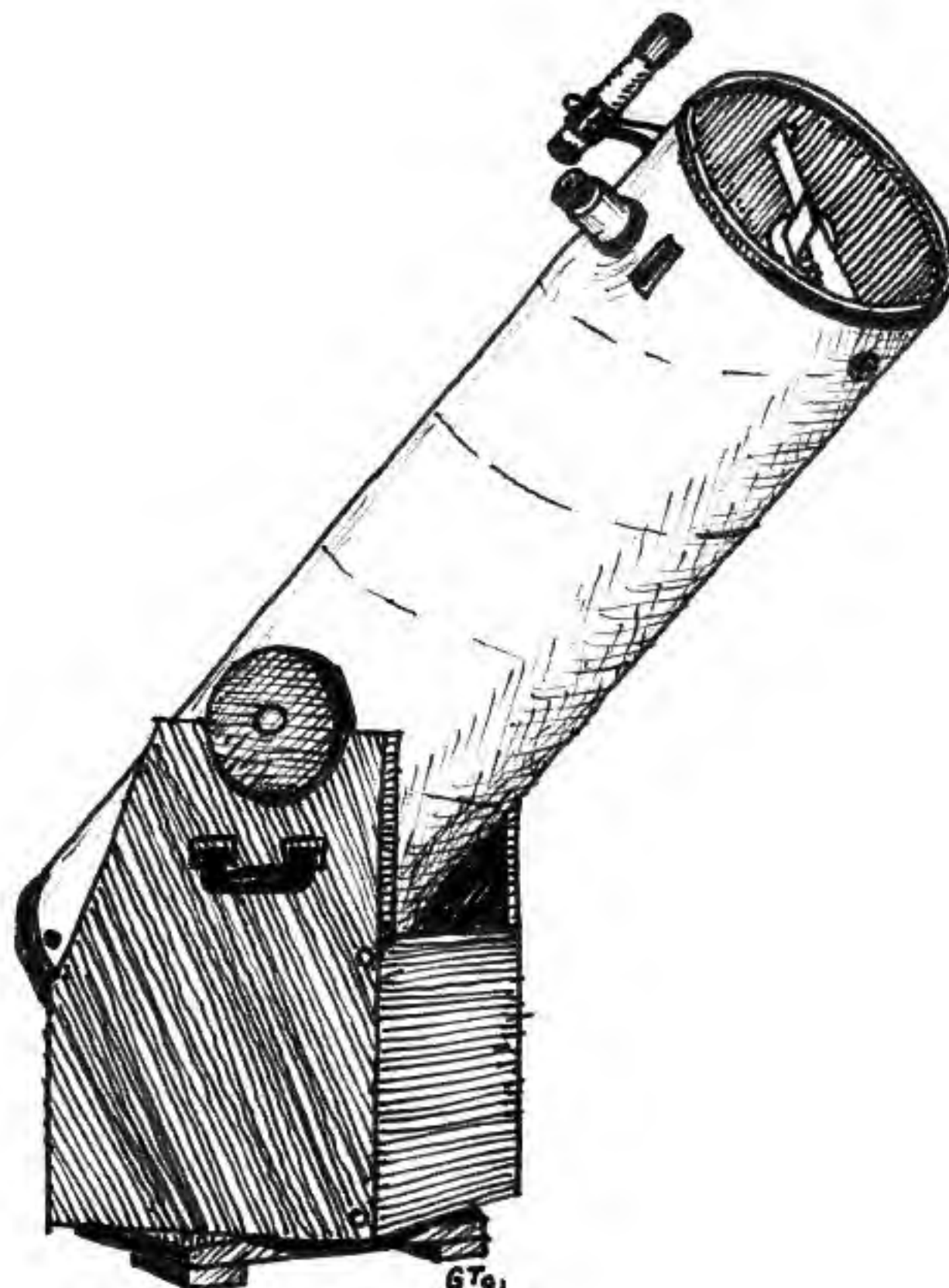
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